The seminar

This evening class, the first of ten,
each one at weekly intervals
with fifteen students in the group
- first exercise to break the ice
each one would introduce themselves
- and too our student talked to two or three -
so there were some and some in part
that she could tell apart.

And when she left that evening
did her mind pay mind
to fourteen new souls
whose acquaintance she had made?
And did she think throughout that week
of what and where they each might be
and how they faired in work and play
and if or not they found their way?

To pay such mind as this
requires a certain kind of flair
and though there may be one or two
within our student's group as such
the larger part will lack that spark
and fail to pay persistent mind
to fleeting views of other folk
- and who was she? who was that bloke?

The most for most adopt a standard view
(and whether they admit the thing or not)
of fourteen souls that they have met
until next week when they are met again
the larger part as well might not exist:
that is to say (as plain and straight can be)
that whilst they're not perceived
there's some who's being's not believed.